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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Interagency Study on Intelligence Community  
Analytical Support to the Strategic Defense Initiative

1. The attached paper is provided for your information. Produced under the auspices of the IPC Staff and approved by the Intelligence Producers Council, this paper reviews the existing requirements related to the Strategic Defense Initiative, details the supporting work planned by the major elements of the Intelligence Community during the current fiscal year, and makes recommendations for ways in which the Community might provide even more effective support in the future. [redacted]

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2. The bottom line is that the Community is expending a considerable amount of effort--directly and otherwise--in support of SDI requirements. Moreover, modest efforts under way to highlight the SDI requirements and raise the consciousness of SDI needs among the production elements of the Community will help ensure that the Community remains responsive to SDI needs in the years to come. [redacted]

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3. At the request of the Defense Intelligence Agency, [redacted] and his IPC staff briefed this study at the quarterly meeting of the Strategic Defense Intelligence Steering Group at the Pentagon on 10 May. [redacted]

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At the request of the Director of Central Intelligence, the Intelligence Producers Council has conducted a Community review of planned near-term intelligence production in response to the high-priority requirements of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO) and related Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) interests of the policy community, which includes the National Security Council, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, other elements of the Executive Branch, and Congress. The review was performed by a working group of senior representatives from the intelligence production community. This report outlines the intelligence needs of the Director, SDIO, as well as related requirements of the National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs and discusses the planned analytical research efforts of the Production Community. It also reports on other actions being taken to improve analytical support to current and future SDIO efforts. [REDACTED]

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This review complements the earlier examination of activities in support of SDI that was conducted under the auspices of the Intelligence Community Staff (DCIC 10002-87, Intelligence Community Response to the SDIO's Intelligence Requirements). [REDACTED]

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This report presents a review of planned near-term intelligence production relative to the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI); it also serves as a vehicle for coordinating the Community's planned analytical efforts on the high-priority concerns of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO) and on the related intelligence needs of national decisionmakers. In particular, the study focused on methods for stimulating analytical products for FY 1988 that would cover the five vital areas of concern and the 27 supporting requirements expressed by the SDIO. In the course of this exercise, the IPC collected abstracts of proposed analytic efforts from Community components, analyzed them relative to the SDIO and other requirements, and provided copies to each producer.

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Results of the review indicate that all of the SDIO requirements will be at least partially satisfied in the near term. That is, by the end of FY 1988, the SDI-related studies that have recently been published, are currently undergoing research, or are planned for later production will provide some coverage to all major requirements.

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Moreover, actions are being taken to further facilitate intelligence research in support of SDI. For example, the IPC Staff is providing a better focus on these requirements by giving high priority to SDI-related research proposals in the DCI's Production Enhancement Initiative Program\* and by creating a separate topic for SDI in the National Intelligence Topics of Current Interest (NITs). The Foreign Intelligence Priorities Committee has incorporated SDI intelligence requirements into the current and upcoming editions of the US Foreign Intelligence Requirements Categories and Priorities (FIRCAP) system. In addition, analyst information needs and indications of shortfalls in collected data from each discipline relative to these requirements will be solicited during the annual NITs cycle.

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Although the analytical research that has been planned within the Intelligence Community should do much to reduce current gaps in intelligence relative to strategic defense issues, many of the problems will remain.

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\* This program, funded by the DCI, is designed to improve intelligence analysis by allotting seed money to innovative and promising methodologies and projects.

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The SDIO should be encouraged to provide the Intelligence Community with the results of its "Red Team" and other SDI-related analysis efforts and to ask the Community to assess the feasibility of the postulated Soviet reactions. The SDIO should also continue to invite Intelligence Community analysts to participate in reviews of its research programs. [REDACTED]

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Recommendations to help the Community become even more responsive to SDI intelligence needs follow:

- Intelligence producers should maintain frequent contact with the consumers of intelligence related to SDI to assure feedback and fine-tuning of requirements.
- The Intelligence Producers Council Staff should remind all organizations with SDI-related Production Enhancement Initiative proposals that have gone unfunded that they might submit such proposals to the SDIO for its consideration for funding.
- Intelligence managers should provide promising analysts with visits and training at outside facilities in order to enhance their appreciation of current SDI-related research and development.
- Intelligence producers should seek to have more SDI-related reports written at (or sanitized to) the SECRET level for wider distribution among the consumers of SDI intelligence.
- Intelligence producers should provide policymakers with assessments of key SDI-related technologies in the Soviet Union and the United States, showing the relative lead or lag in each country.
- Executive agents within the Intelligence Community (DIA for the Defense-related elements and the Intelligence Producers Council Staff for the non-Defense elements) should assess the degree to which the requirements of the consumers of SDI-related intelligence are satisfied through published intelligence. [REDACTED]

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